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THE RETURN OF *DETHSTRYK!*

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AAAGH!

ZZAANK!

HELLROCK
AND A
HARD
PLACE

YOU
HAVE CHANGED
BEYOND ALL
RECOGNITION,
RAVAGE...

...BUT WHAT
MY POISONS
HAVE STARTED
--I SHALL
FINISH!

FINALLY--
YOU SHALL
DIE!

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DETHSTRYK!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE...?!

AH, RAVAGE...WHAT A
STUPID QUESTION--IT
SEEMS YOU HAVE GROWN
FUR ON THE INSIDE OF
YOUR HEAD AS WELL!

GROWL

ZZAKK!

...THEY ARE
ALL JUST SO
MANY BODIES,
BOBBING
IN MY
WAKE.

YOU
ARE THE
ONLY ONE
TO DEFEY
ME, AND
LIVE!

DO YOU HAVE
ANY IDEA HOW LONG
I'VE SEARCHED FOR
YOU...? I'VE HAD
MANY ENEMIES,
RAVAGE...

YOU
COULDN'T
KILL ME
WHEN I
WAS JUST
A MAN...

...YOU
EGOTISTICAL
WINDBAG...

RAV...LET'S GET OUT
OF HERE... I DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOUR HISTORY WITH
THIS PERSON IS... BUT WE
DON'T NEED THIS...

FERRA, GET
OUT OF HERE...
YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT DETHSTRYK
IS LIKE... HE'LL...

BIRDS OF A
FEATHER, EH, RAVAGE...
I SEE YOUR GIRLFRIEND
IS AS UGLY AS YOU
ARE.

I'
SHALL
PUT HER
OUT OF
HER
MISERY!

...YOU
SURE AS
SHOCK
WON'T
DO IT
NOW!

SKREEE
UH
H
K

YOU
SICK JERK
...SHE WAS
A FINE AND
NOBLE
CREATURE...

YOU BETTER
HAVE MORE UP
YOUR SLEEVE THAN
ENERGY BOLTS...



...FOR I
AM CERTAINLY
GOING TO
KILL YOU
NOW!

WHA...?
YOU'RE MORE
POWERFUL THAN
I THOUGHT
POSSIBLE!



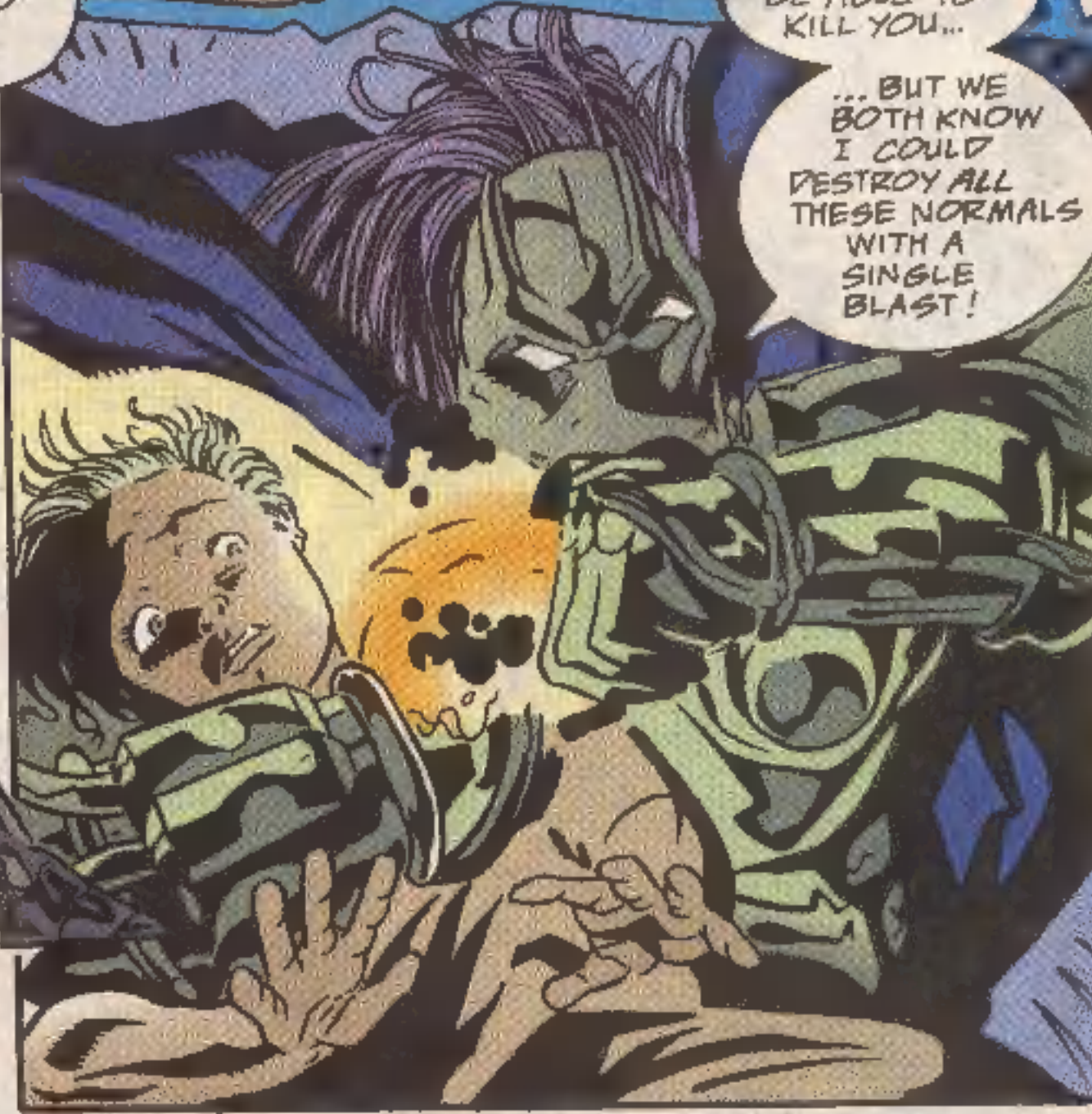
UHHNF!
I COULD
ACTUALLY GET
HURT HERE!
TIME TO
END THIS
CHARADE!

IT WOULD HAVE
BEEN NICE TO BLAST YOU
TO DEATH THE WAY I DO
EVERYONE ELSE THAT
STANDS IN MY WAY...

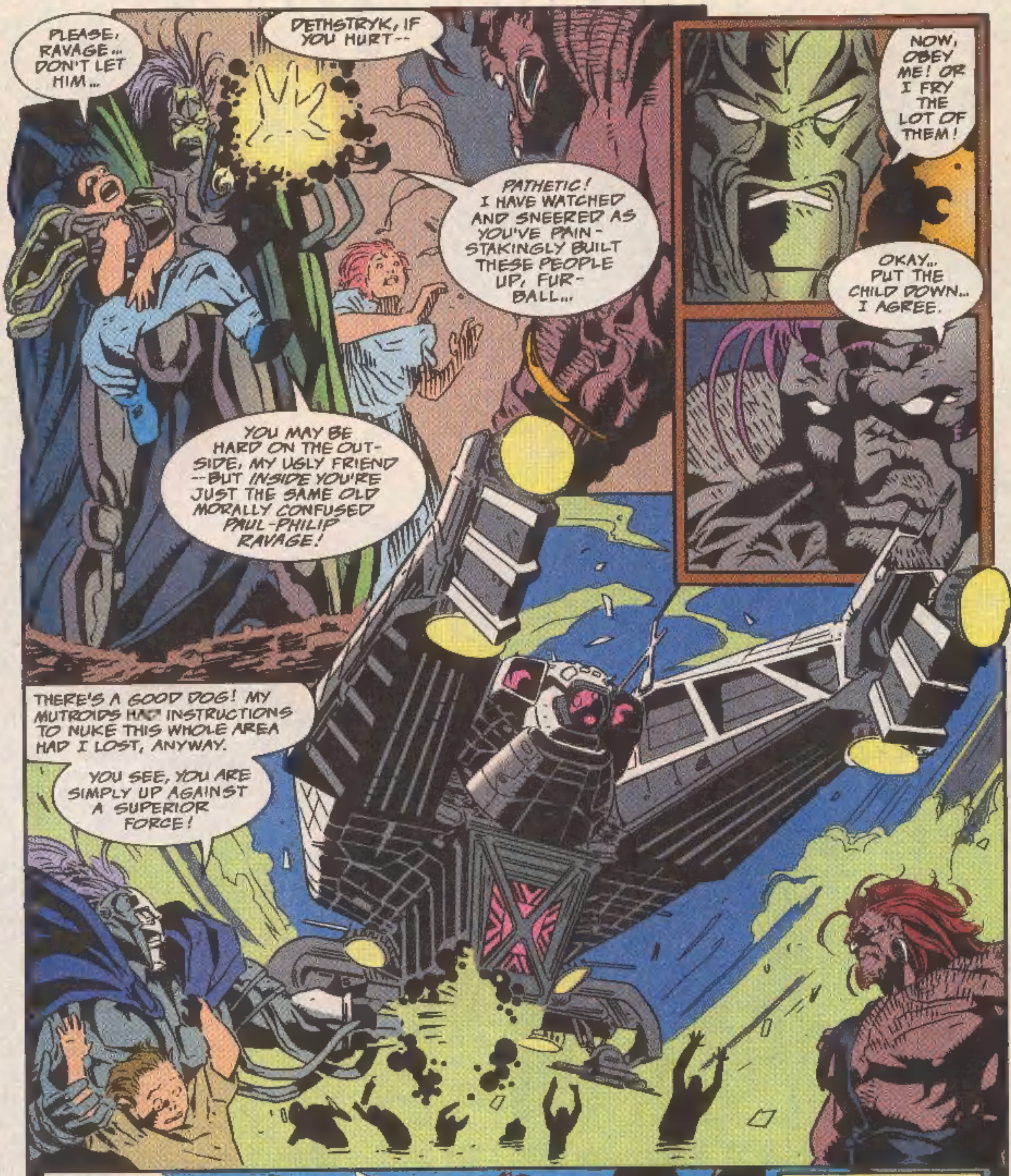
I MAY NOT
BE ABLE TO
KILL YOU...



... BUT YOU'RE
RIGHT -- I DO HAVE
MORE UP MY
SLEEVE.



... BUT WE
BOTH KNOW
I COULD
DESTROY ALL
THESE NORMALS
WITH A
SINGLE
BLAST!



PLEASE,
RAVAGE...
DON'T LET
HIM...

DETHSTRYK, IF
YOU HURT--

PATHETIC!
I HAVE WATCHED
AND SNEERED AS
YOU'VE PAIN-
STAKINGLY BUILT
THESE PEOPLE
UP, FUR-
BALL...

YOU MAY BE
HARD ON THE OUT-
SIDE, MY UGLY FRIEND
--BUT INSIDE YOU'RE
JUST THE SAME OLD
MORALLY CONFUSED
PAUL-PHILIP
RAVAGE!

THERE'S A GOOD DOG! MY
MUTROIDS HAD INSTRUCTIONS
TO NUKE THIS WHOLE AREA
HAD I LOST, ANYWAY.

YOU SEE, YOU ARE
SIMPLY UP AGAINST
A SUPERIOR
FORCE!

NOW,
OBEY
ME! OR
I FRY
THE
LOT OF
THEM!

OKAY...
PUT THE
CHILD DOWN...
I AGREE.

I HAD NO CHOICE...
HAVE TO AGREE TO
WHATEVER THIS
SICKO WANTS,
UNTIL I CAN FIGURE
A WAY OUT OF THIS!



YOU'RE A FREAK, RAVAGE... YOU DIDN'T DIE OR TURN INTO A MUTROID WHEN EXPOSED TO THE POISON OF HELLROCK.

YOU SOMEHOW BECAME STRONGER, FIERCER.

BUT THIS IS A DISTILLATE OF THE MOST NOXIOUS POISONS TO BE FOUND IN MY DOMAIN.

THIS WILL UNDO YOU, FREAK!



"MY LORD" NEVER LEARNS! HE'S PUMPING RAVAGE FULL OF THE SAME STUFF THAT TURNED HIM INTO SUCH A FASCINATING BEAST IN THE FIRST PLACE.

I INTENDED RAVAGE TO BE CAPTURED AND BROUGHT HERE...

THIS IS AN UNEXPECTED TWIST TO MY PLAN.

BRAGGAR! GET IN HERE... THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE OF PLAN!

CHANGE OF PLAN? BUT FOR THE REVOLUTION TO SUCCEED, WE MUST HAVE THIS GREAT WARRIOR YOU PROMISED.

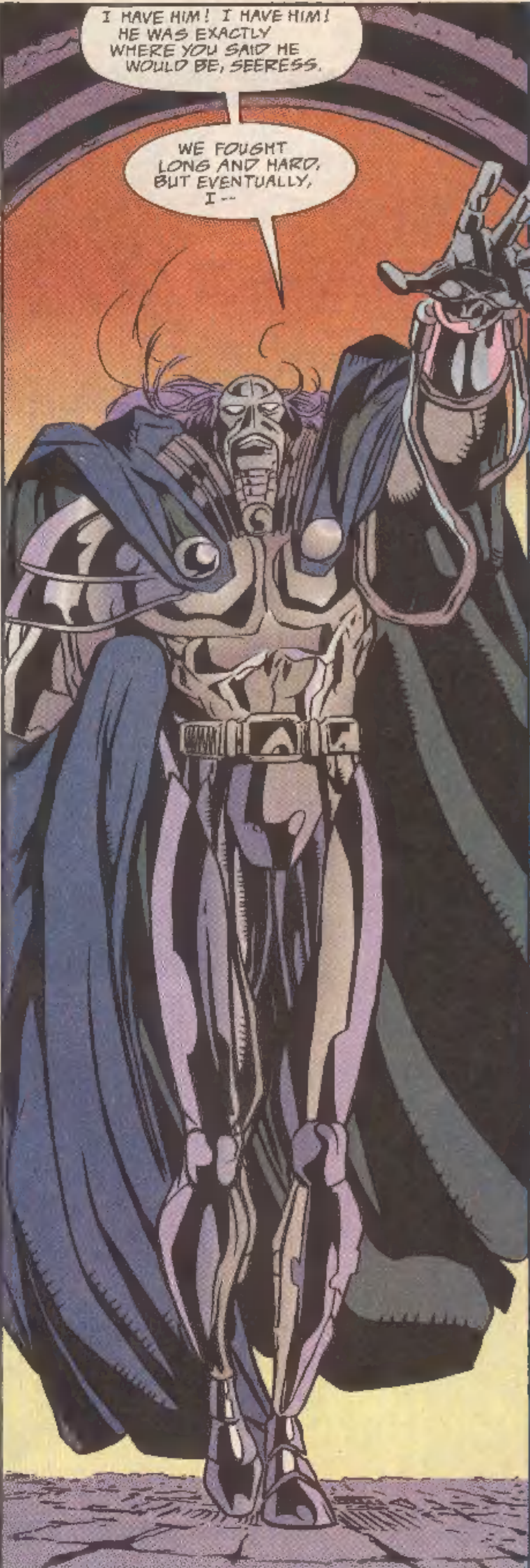
AND YOU SHALL HAVE HIM! BUT HE WILL BE SICK AND WEAK WHEN HE ARRIVES... TAKE HIM AND NURTURE HIM UNTIL HE'S WELL!

"MY LORD" DETHSTRYK WILL RELEASE HIM TO WANDER HELLROCK... GLOATING AS HIS ARCH-ENEMY DEVOLVES INTO A MINDLESS MUTROID.

OUR TYRANT IS NOTHING, IF NOT PREDICTABLE...

GO NOW, AND WAIT FOR HIM! GO ON, GET OUT BEFORE MY GUARDS SEE YOU...!

SO! THE THREADS OF MY WEB DRAW TOGETHER! ALL I NEED DO IS WATCH, WAIT AND OCCASIONALLY SPIN A NEW THREAD...



I HAVE HIM! I HAVE HIM!
HE WAS EXACTLY
WHERE YOU SAID HE
WOULD BE, SEERESS.

WE FOUGHT
LONG AND HARD,
BUT EVENTUALLY,
I --

BUT OF COURSE... YOU'LL HAVE SEEN IT ALL
IN YOUR CAUL-TRON.

NO, MY LORD... ONLY
A SHADOWY OUT-
LINE -- YOU MUST
GIVE ME DETAILS
OF YOUR GREAT
BATTLE.

YES, I
SHALL... LATER.

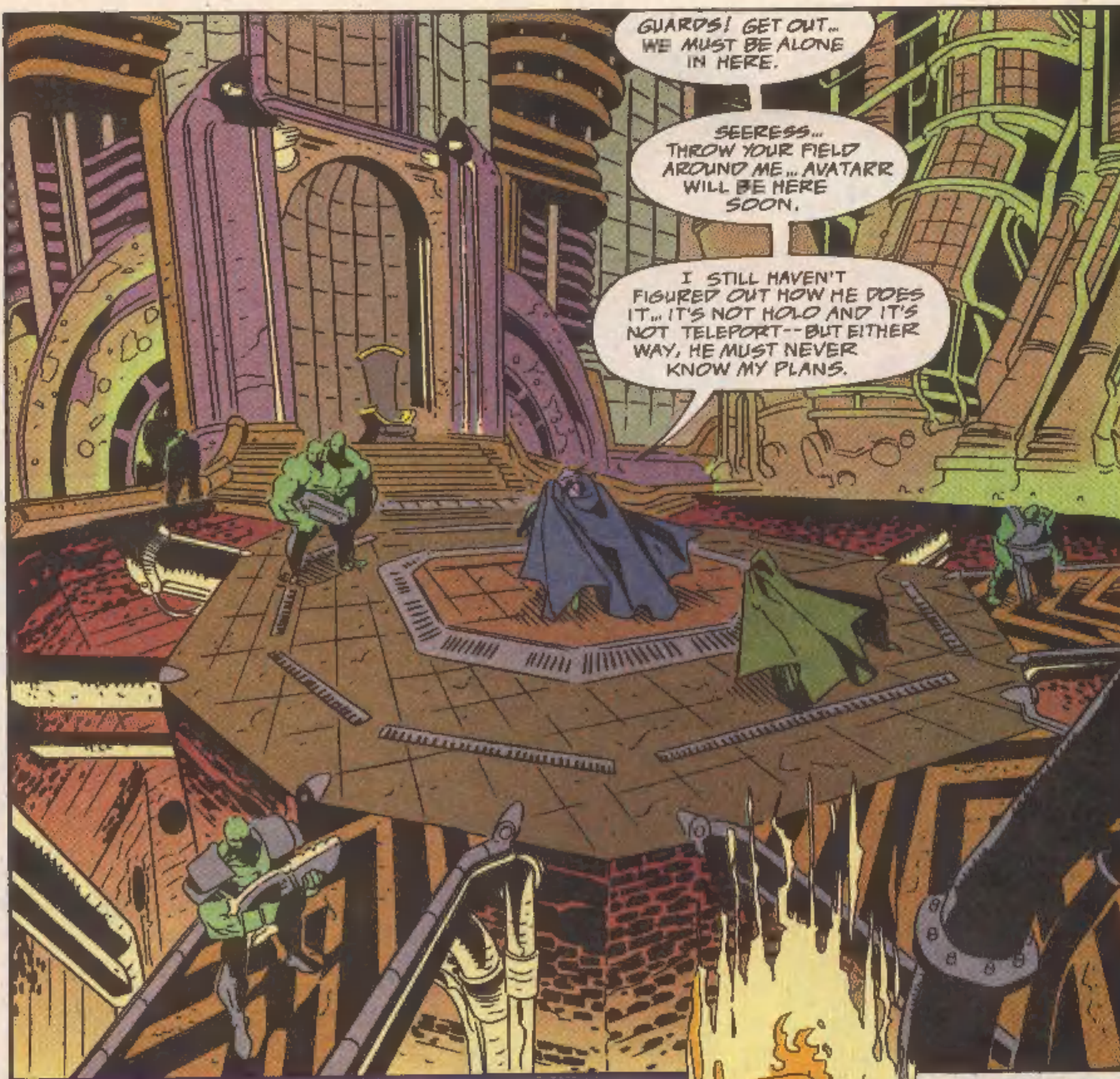
TELL ME, HAVE YOU
LEARNED MORE OF THE
REVOLUTION WHILE
I'VE BEEN AWAY?

SADLY NO, MY LORD
DETHSTRYK. IT'S NEARING
LOW TIDE AND MY
POWER IS WANING.

A PITY... WELL, COME WITH
ME... I'M ABOUT TO SPEAK
WITH AVATARR...

...I HOPE
YOU HAVE POWER
SUFFICIENT TO
SHIELD MY
THOUGHTS AND
PLANS FROM
HIS PENETRATING
BUG EYES.

FEAR
NOT, MY
LORD... I'M
STRONG
ENOUGH
TO AVOID
DETECTION
-- BY ANY-
ONE.



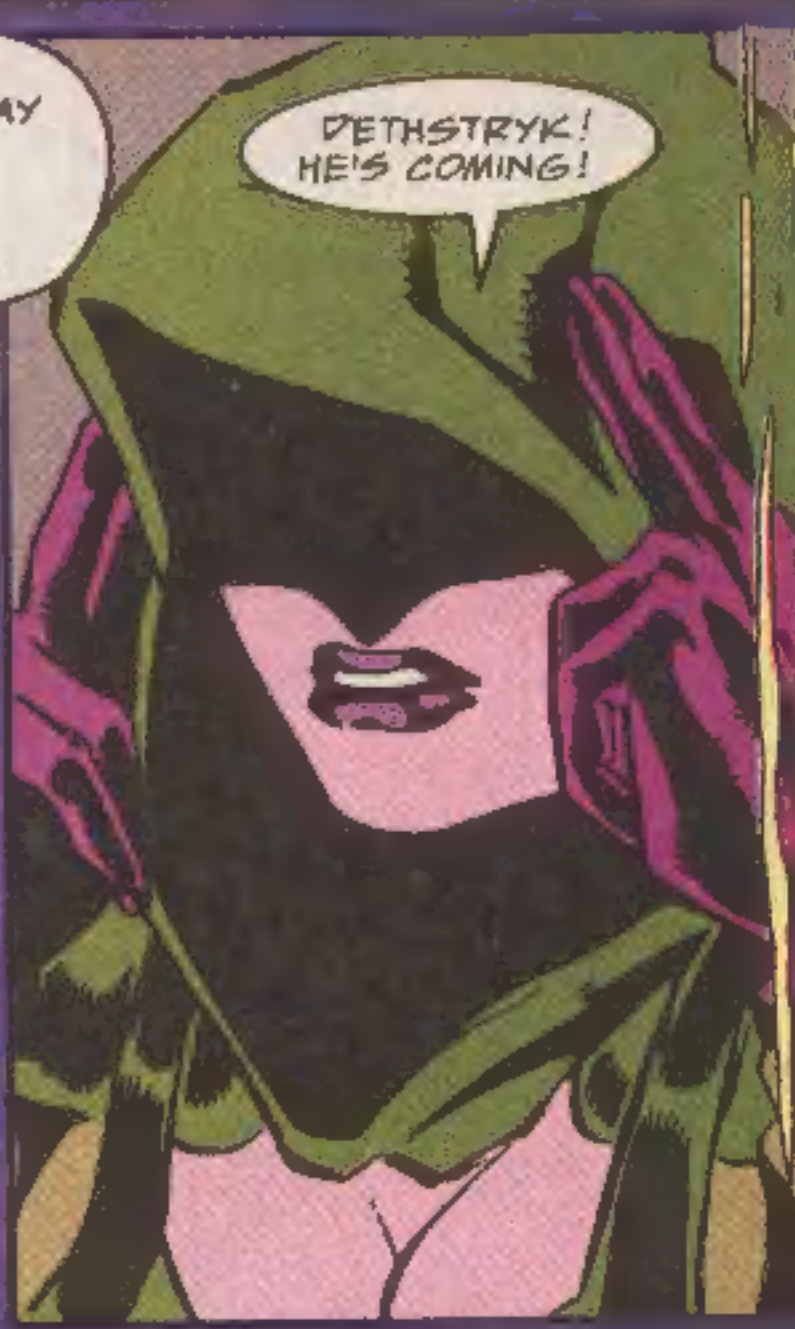
GUARDS! GET OUT...
WE MUST BE ALONE
IN HERE.

SEERESS...
THROW YOUR FIELD
AROUND ME... AVATARR
WILL BE HERE
SOON.

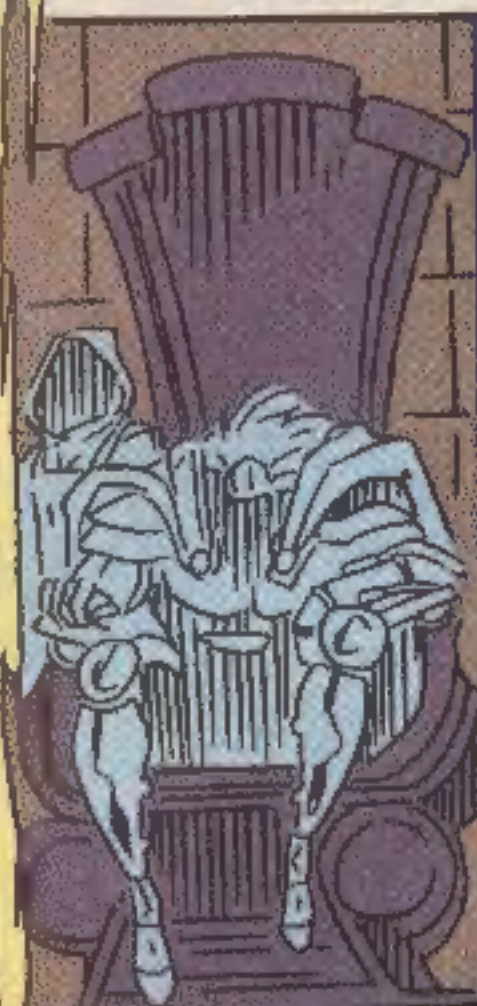
I STILL HAVEN'T
FIGURED OUT HOW HE DOES
IT... IT'S NOT HOLO AND IT'S
NOT TELEPORT--BUT EITHER
WAY, HE MUST NEVER
KNOW MY PLANS.



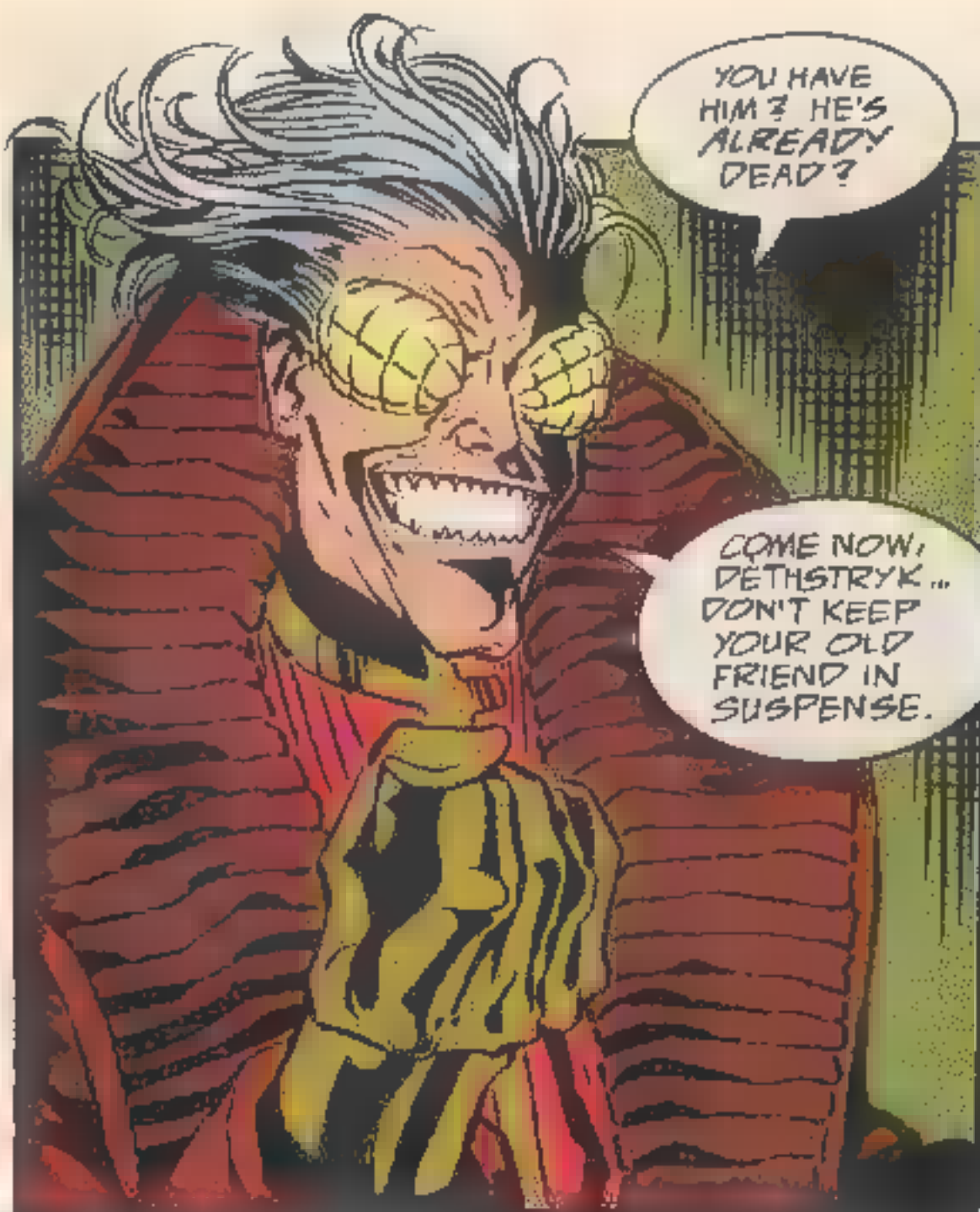
IT'S DONE, MY LORD...
YOU'RE SAFE. YOU CAN SAY
ONE THING AND THINK
ANOTHER... NOT EVEN
AVATARR CAN GET
THROUGH THIS SCREEN.



DETHSTRYK!
HE'S COMING!



GREETINGS,
DETHSTRYK! I JUST
KNOW YOU HAVE GOOD
NEWS FOR ME!



YOU HAVE HIM? HE'S ALREADY DEAD?

COME NOW, DETHSTRYK... DON'T KEEP YOUR OLD FRIEND IN SUSPENSE.



YOU'RE NOT MY "OLD FRIEND", AVATARR... YOU NEVER WERE!

BUT, YES, I DO HAVE HIM... EXACTLY WHERE I WANT HIM.



WHERE IS HE, DETHSTRYK? I WANT HIM DEAD! DON'T PLAY GAMES WITH HIM... HE'S DANGEROUS!



I CAN SEE MUCH WITH MY POWER... THINGS THAT YOU CANNOT COMPREHEND... I SEE THAT RAVAGE ALIVE IS A DANGER TO US ALL...



WELL, IF YOU'RE SO SMART AND BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION...

... "SEE" WHERE HE IS YOURSELF!



PERHAPS I NEED
TO REMIND YOU
OF OUR RELATIVE
POSITIONS,
DETHSTRYK...
HELLROCK IS
AN ALCHEMAX
FACILITY...AND
AS FAR AS
YOU'RE CON-
CERNED--
I AM
ALCHEMAX!

RAVAGE DIES WHEN I KILL HIM!
WHEN HE CRAWLS BEFORE ME...
HIDEOUSLY DEFORMED AND
BEGGING FOR DEATH... NO-
ONE MOCKS DETHSTRYK
AND LIVES!

I TELL
YOU AGAIN--
RAVAGE MUST
DIE!

GENTLEMEN,
PLEASE... CAN YOU
NOT CONDUCT YOUR
BUSINESS IN ANY
OTHER WAY...? THIS
IS NOT SEEMLY
FOR TWO MEN OF
SUCH GREAT
POWER.

AH, THE SILVER-
TONGUED SEERESS
...YOU THINK I
DON'T KNOW THAT
IT IS YOUR
SUBTLE POWER
THAT VEILS YOU
BOTH FROM MY
SCRUTINY?

NO THREATS.
YOU HAVE RAVAGE.
KILL HIM. IT'S AS
SIMPLE AS
THAT.

I WOULD
NOT CLAIM OTHER-
WISE. DO YOU
THREATEN
NOW?

I SHALL
FINISH HIM IN
MY TIME
AND IN MY
WAY...

I ONCE TRUSTED
YOU, AVATARR...
I SHALL NEVER
TRUST ANYONE
EVER AGAIN!

WISE
WORDS, MY
LORD.



HE'D SICK,
BUT HE'D GET BETTER.
I HOPE HE'S NOT TOO
SICK AND THAT HE
CAN FIGHT.

DON'T SEE WHY WE
NEED NO ONE ELSE...
WE'S STRONG
ENOUGH AND YOU'S
CLEVER...



SHE SAYS
TO BEAT THE
TYRANT WE NEED
HIM...SHE SHOULD
KNOW.

SHE'S SMARTER
THAN I AM. STILL, IF
DECIDE WE DON'T WANT
HIM, WE CAN ALWAYS
KILL HIM AND TELL HER
THAT HE NEVER
GOT BETTER.



SHE SAID THEY
BURIED HIM THERE
TO KEEP HIM SICK.
WE GOTTA GET
HIM OUT.

THEY SAY
HE'S HERE
BEFORE BUT HE
AIN'T EVEN NO
MUTROD.



KEEP
PRODDING, HE'S
IN THERE SOME-
WHERE SO WE
SHOULD BE ABLE
TO HEAR HIS
GROANS...

YOU
SURE ARE
SMART,
BRAGGAR!





ER...
PERHAPS WE
SHOULD...



TRIED TO THINK
STRAIGHT... WAS
BEING ATTACKED...

COME ON!
I'LL TAKE
ALL!
GRAAGH!



AND THIS IS
WHAT HE'S LIKE
WHEN HE'S
SICK?!



S'OKAY,
BRAGGAR...
I'LL SKEWER
HIM!

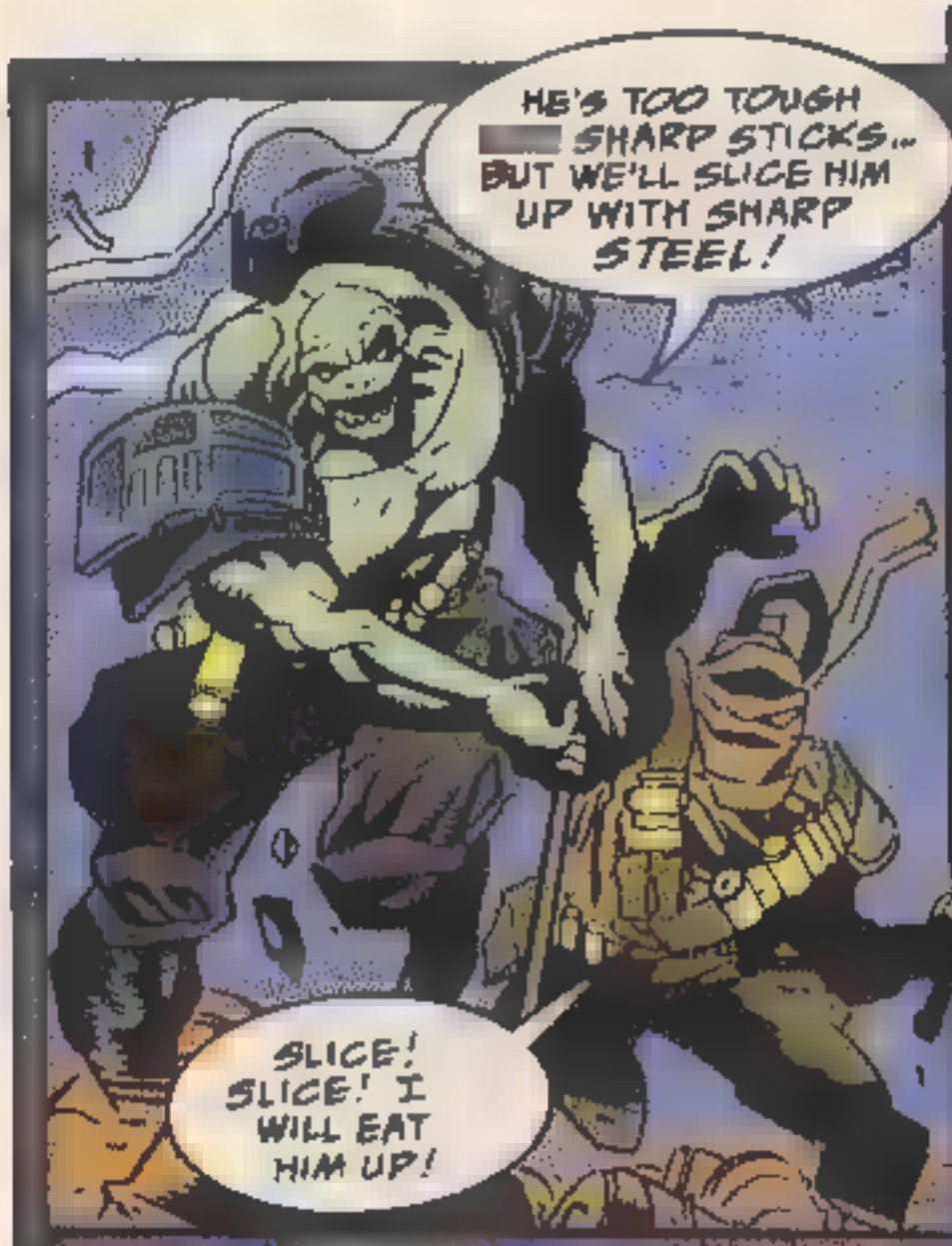


SNAP



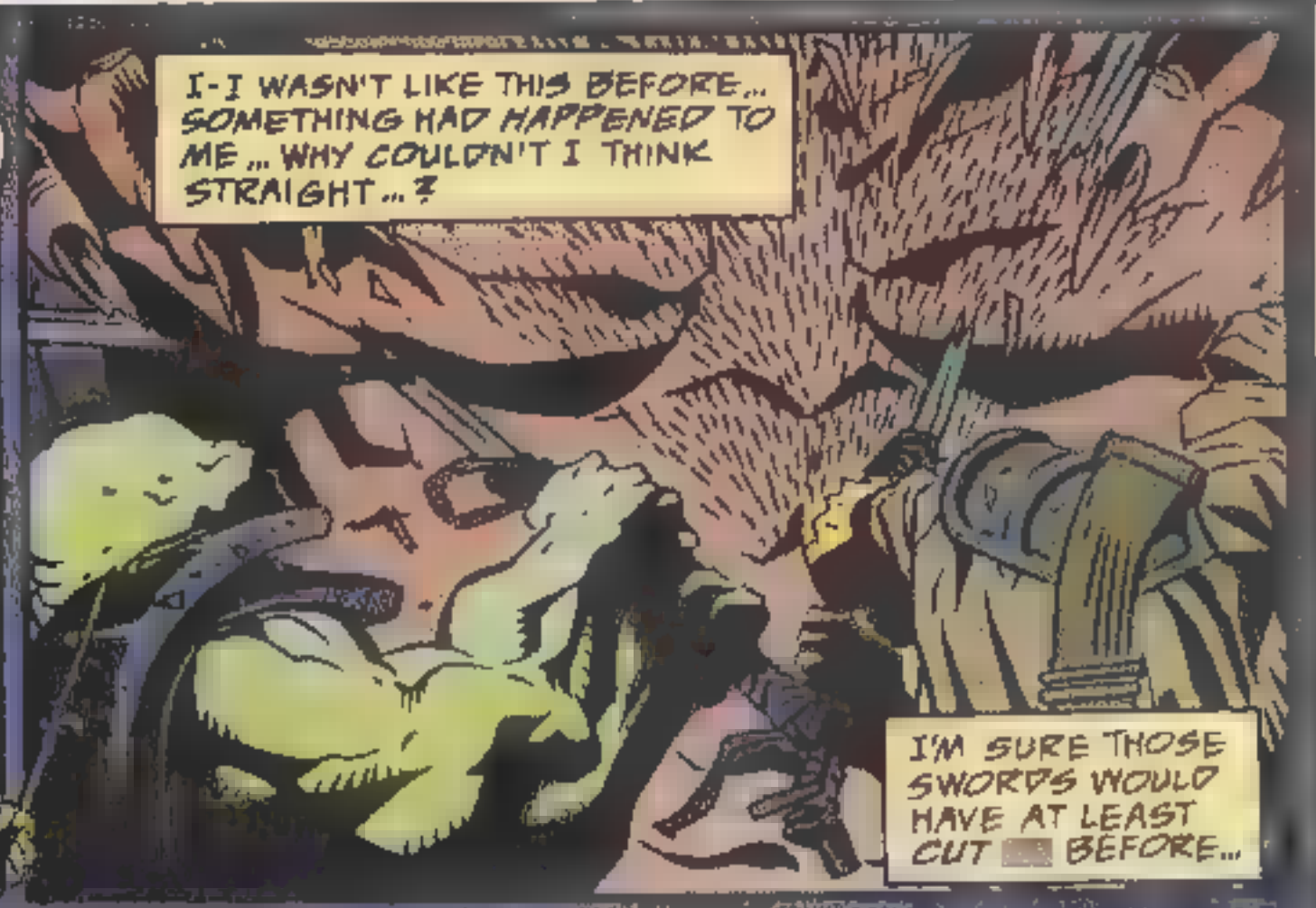
YYAAGH!

SNARL!!!



HE'S TOO TOUGH
SHARP STICKS...
BUT WE'LL SLICE HIM
UP WITH SHARP
STEEL!

SLICE!
SLICE! I
WILL EAT
HIM UP!



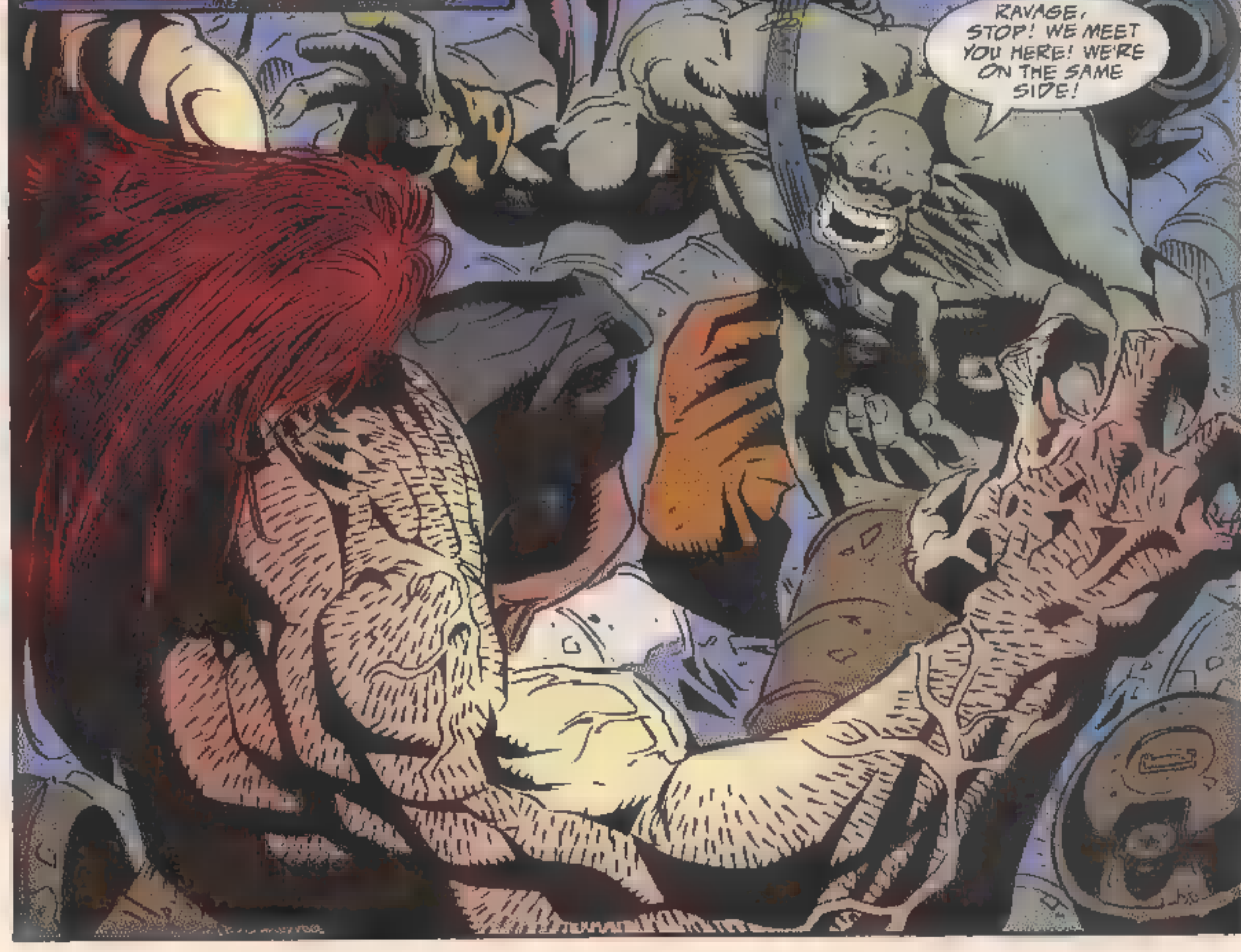
I-I WASN'T LIKE THIS BEFORE...
SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED TO
ME... WHY COULDN'T I THINK
STRAIGHT...?

I'M SURE THOSE
SWORDS WOULD
HAVE AT LEAST
CUT BEFORE...

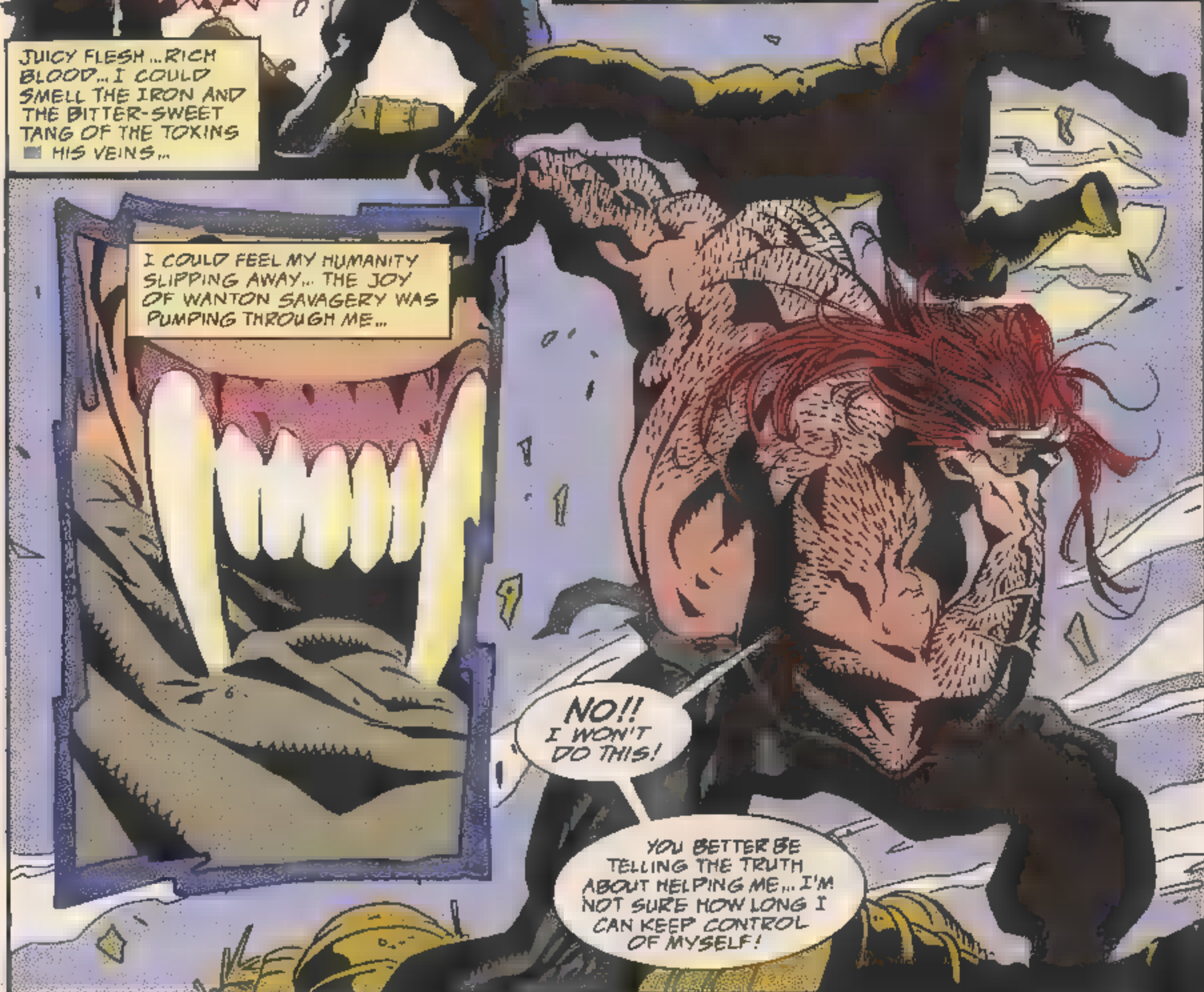
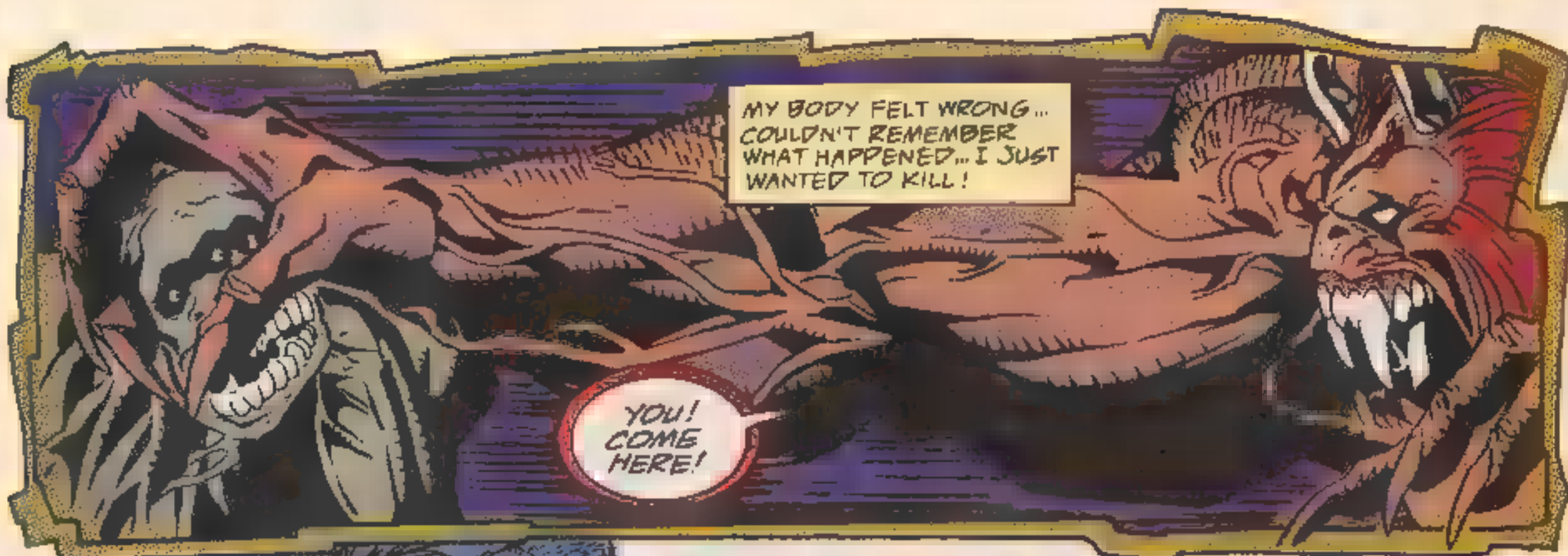


HELP! SOMEBODY
DO SOMETHING!

RRROOWGH!
RIP YOU TO
RIBBONS!



RAVAGE,
STOP! WE MEET
YOU HERE! WE'RE
ON THE SAME
SIDE!



SOON...

WE ARE THE
REBEL ARMY OF "FREE
HELLROCK". WE LIVE AND
TRAIN HERE FOR THE
DAY ALL MUTROIDS
WILL RISE UP AND
DESTROY THE TYRANT
DETHSTRYK!

GOT ANY
MEAT? I'M
HUNGRY.

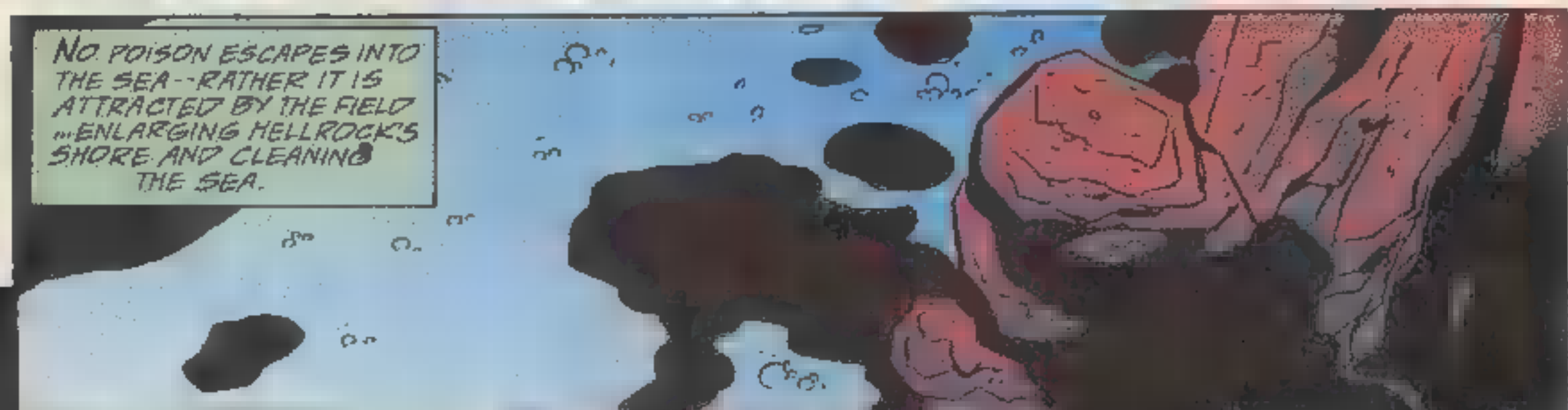
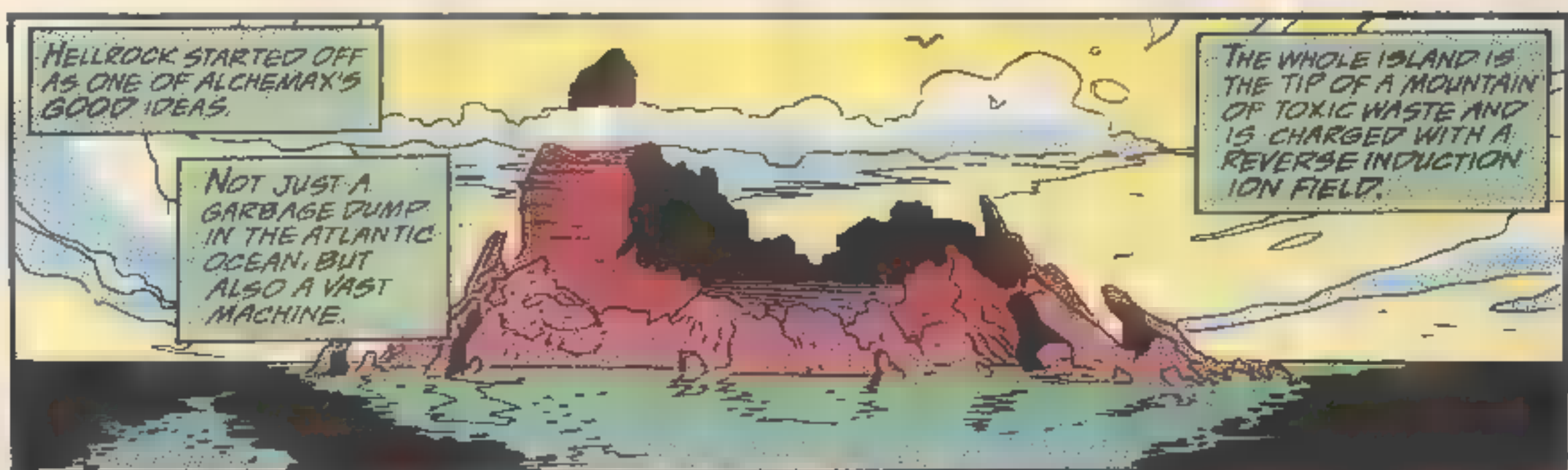
UH, YES, OF
COURSE... YOU NEED
TO EAT... YOU'RE
NOT VERY
WELL...

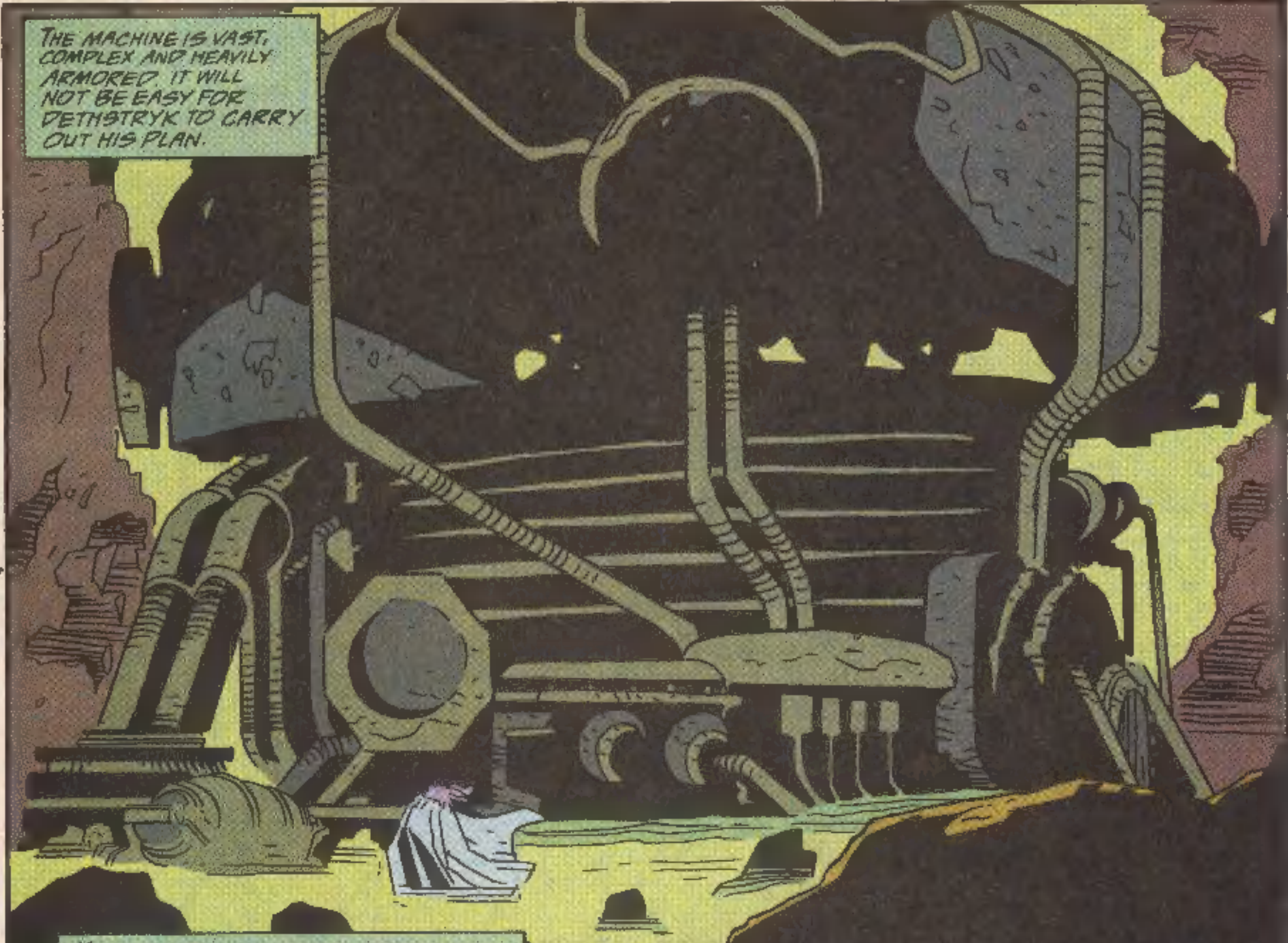
GRRR! SLURP!
WHAT? WHO'S
DETHSTRYK?

...BUT YOU
WILL HELP US
OVERTHROW
DETHSTRYK!?

YOU REALLY ARE
SICK! HE IS THE EVIL
MONSTER THAT RULES
HELLROCK. NEARLY ALL
THE OTHER MUTROIDS
ARE HIS MINDLESS
SLAVES.

IF HE GETS HIS
WAY THE WHOLE WORLD
WILL BE A POISONOUS
WASTELAND, JUST LIKE
HELLROCK!

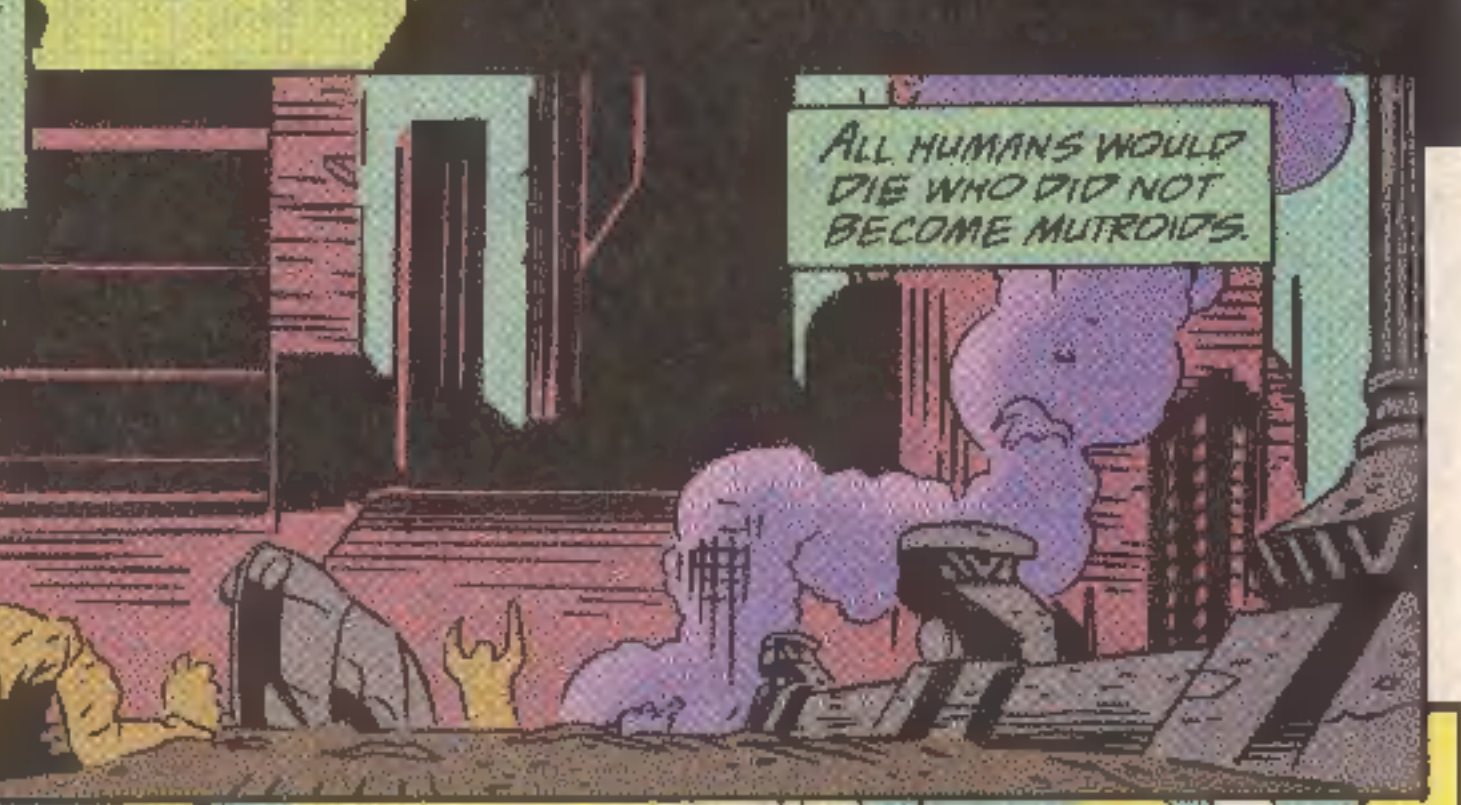




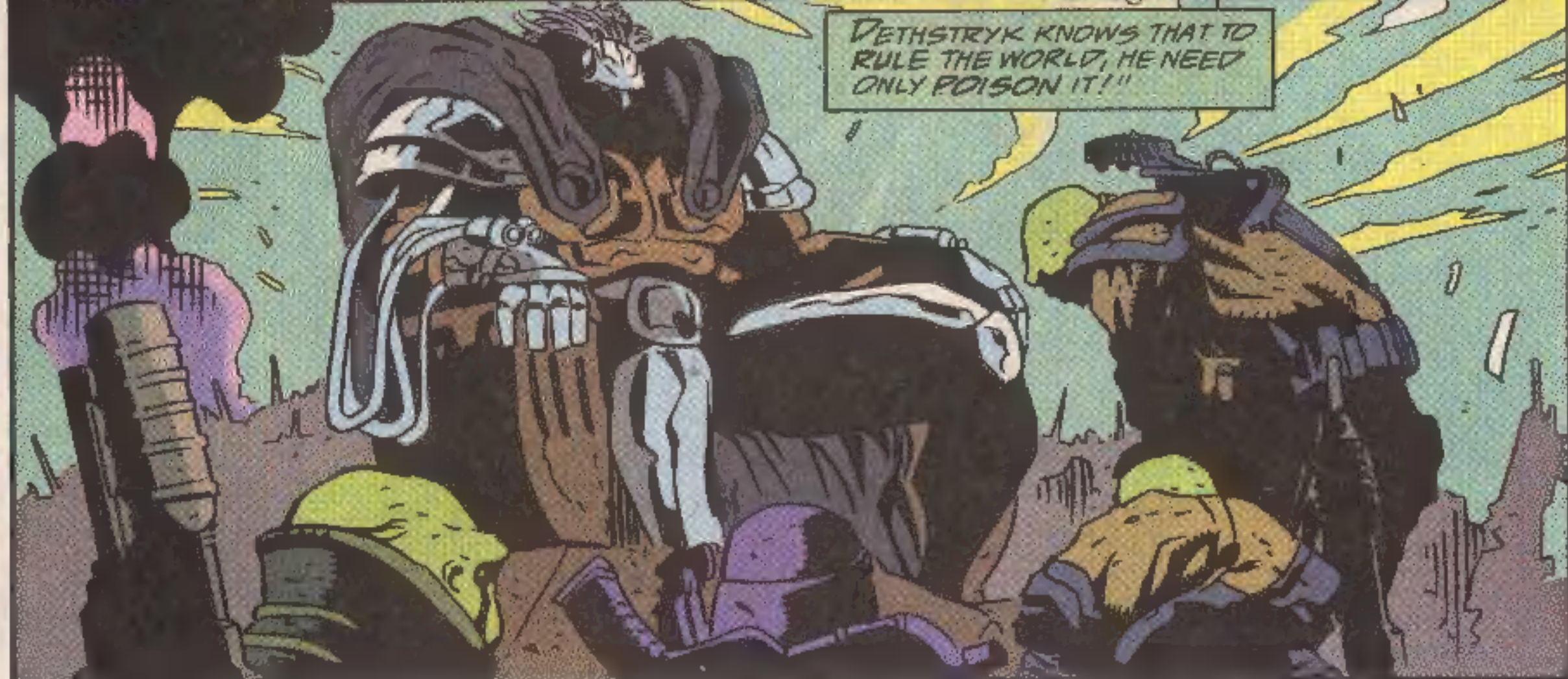
THE MACHINE IS VAST,
COMPLEX AND HEAVILY
ARMORED. IT WILL
NOT BE EASY FOR
DETHSTRYK TO CARRY
OUT HIS PLAN.



HE WANTS TO REVERSE THE POLARITY
OF HELLROCK AND INSTANTLY FLOOD
THE ATLANTIC AND THE EARTH'S
ATMOSPHERE WITH THE FOUL CON-
TENTS OF HIS DOMAIN.



ALL HUMANS WOULD
DIE WHO DID NOT
BECOME MUTROIDS.



DETHSTRYK KNOWS THAT TO
RULE THE WORLD, HE NEED
ONLY POISON IT!!



WE
FIGHT,
NOT ONLY
FOR OUR
FREEDOM,
BUT FOR
THE
WORLD...

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN
A LONG TIME, THINGS
WERE BECOMING A
LITTLE CLEARER.

HELLROCK!
I'M ON HELLROCK!
I WAS WITH FERRA
AND SOMETHING
HIT ME!

...I'VE BEEN
TOLD THAT
YOU WOULD
HELP US...
LEAD US.

FIGHT
DETHSTRYK?
YES--I SEEM
TO REMEMBER
SOMETHING...

I WAS BEGINNING
TO REMEMBER...
ANGER SEETHING
THROUGH ME...

DETHSTRYK
KILLED FERRA...HE
INJECTED ME WITH
SOMETHING...
PAIN! I'LL
KILL HIM!

DUUHHN!
MUTROIDS! I'M
SURROUNDED BY
MUTROIDS!

SPASMS SHOOK MY
TORTURED BODY... I
WAS CHANGING AGAIN...
MY HUMANITY AND
REASON FLED BEFORE
A BRUTAL RAGE.

AND THEN I
SNAPPED AGAIN!

GRAAGH!
YOU'RE TRYING
TO POISON
ME!

**I'LL
KILL YOU
ALL!**

HE--HE'S
CHANGING AGAIN...
GETTING BIGGER AND
MORE VICIOUS...
HE'S OUT OF
CONTROL!

GRAB
YOUR WEAPONS,
TOGETHER WE
STAND A
CHANCE!

RIP YOUR
FLESH! SMASH
YOUR BONES!
GROAWLL!

FIGHT,
BROTHERS, FIGHT
FOR YOUR
LIVES!

HALT! STOP
FIGHTING! I
COMMAND IT!



YOU MUTROIDS
CAN DO NOTHING
RIGHT! THIS TORMENTED
MONSTER IS IMPORTANT
TO MY PLANS.

POWERFUL
AND SAVAGE HE
MAY BE, BUT
HAVE NO FEAR,
BRAGGAR...

...RAVAGE IS
COMPLETELY
UNDER MY
CONTROL!

TO BE
CONTINUED...